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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



BUSINESS CORNER

City Businesses: Show Your 'Mason Spirit'

George Mason University values City of Fairfax businesses as neighbors and seeks a partnership through advertising, Mason Merchants program, internships, on-site events and other opportunities.



The city's Economic Development Office and Mason seek city businesses with Mason Spirit to be featured in "I Spy

Business Spirit," a weekly *Mason Facebook Campaign*. To be eligible, businesses must showcase Mason-related materials in their décor (flags, banners, and other visible images showing Mason Pride) or sell Mason gear.

Businesses in need of Mason materials for display should contact Mason's Office of Government and Community Relations (tkendal2@gmu.edu, 703-993-8846) to receive free a Welcome Back Kit to be distributed August 17-26 (prior to Mason student move-in). These kits will help businesses get ready to welcome students and their families.

Businesses currently sporting Mason décor or Mason gear may e-mail photos, including a storefront photo showing the business name, with the business address, to tkendal2@gmu.edu.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Fairfax Water Reduces Rates for City Customers Effective July 1

Fairfax Water has placed City of Fairfax water customers on the same rate schedule as Fairfax Water legacy customers, effective with meter readings taken on or after July 1.

This means water rates would be "equalized" — so city customers pay the same rates as Fairfax Water legacy customers — much sooner than the original January 2017 timeline.



By accelerating the equalization timetable, the average city customer will benefit from a significant reduction in the base commodity rate 18 months earlier than scheduled.

In 2013, the Mayor and City Council unanimously decided to partner with Fairfax Water to provide city water customers with water service.

Information: 703-698-5600

(TTY: 711).

Independence Day July 4 Includes Day-Long Celebration: Parade, Muster, Music, Fireworks

On July 4, join in the fun and hometown tradition of Independence Day in the city with the annual parade, history exhibits and tours, and an evening show featuring live music and fireworks.

Download the event program at www.fairfaxva.gov/july4.

Uncle Sam will lead the annual *Independence Day Parade*, which steps off at 10 a.m. at the Massey Building driveway, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, and loops through Old Town Fairfax. The 2015 parade theme is "Saluting our First Responders."

Firefighters from around the world will compete in the *2015 World Police and Fire Games Firefighter Muster* at 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Several historic properties will be open, including the *Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center*, 10209 Main Street (9 a.m.

to 4 p.m.) and *Ratcliffe-Allison House*, 10386 Main Street (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.). This year, the *Virginia Civil War 150 HistoryMobile* will welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center.

Wrap up the day with the *Evening Show and Fireworks* at 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School (FHS), 3501 Rebel Run. The show features

a children's entertainment area, fireworks and live music by the City of Fairfax Band and tribute bands *Almost Journey* and *2U*.

Overflow accommodations are provided; please bring seating.

Watch the parade — and, new this year, the evening show — live and replayed on *Cityscreen-12*, the city's television station, as well as live and archived on the city website and archived on the city's YouTube channel. See page 5 for the program schedule, as well as DVD/Blu-ray purchase and loan information.

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City **NEWS** AND Notes

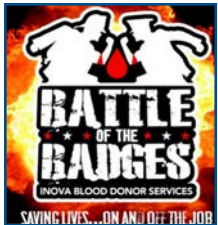
City Government Observes Independence Day; Services Affected July 3-4

On July 3, in observance of Independence Day, City of Fairfax government offices and General District Court will be closed. CUE Bus will run on a modified weekday schedule. The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open, as will Historic Blenheim.

Refuse and recyclables will not be collected Friday, July 3. Regular Thursday and Friday service will be provided on Thursday, July 2 and yard debris will be collected the week of July 6. Information: 703-385-7837.

On July 4, there will be no regular CUE Bus service. The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but Historic Blenheim will be closed. Information: 703-385-7855.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Continues Through July 4



Roll up your sleeves for a good cause: donate blood during the Battle of the Badges, Inova Blood Donor Service's friendly competition between local police and fire departments, through July 4. Donors may choose between blue (police) and red (fire department) t-shirts.

Make an appointment via www.inova.org/donateblood or 1-866-BLOODSAVES.

Inova is a sponsor of the Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire Games, and the city is hosting the Fireman's Muster July 4.

Applications Due July 1 for Reduced Personal Property Tax Rate for Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans in the City of Fairfax may qualify for a reduced personal property tax rate of 1¢ per \$100 of assessed value.

The rate is offered to qualified veterans

who are permanently and totally disabled as certified by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services for one vehicle. The vehicle may be owned individually or jointly owned with a spouse.

Veterans must submit an application by July 1 to the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Room 224 in City Hall. Applications are available from that office and on the city website.

Information: 703-385-7880.

Cops and Kids Day to be Held July 20, August 10

City residents of elementary and middle school age are encouraged to participate in the free Cops and Kids Day to be held from 8 a.m. to noon July 20 and August 10 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.



The goal of this event is to build stronger bonds between police officers and families in the community and to help children understand the many services that the police department offers to the community.

Please note: registration is closed for both events.

Information: 703-385-7952.

Fire Department Campaign Provides Free Smoke Alarms

The City of Fairfax Fire Department is conducting a citywide smoke alarm campaign, in cooperation with other city agencies, the American Red Cross and other groups. Fire personnel will visit city homes to provide free testing and replacement batteries and free battery-powered smoke alarms.



Working smoke alarms are an important part of home safety. Test residential smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries annually or every 10 years, depending on the battery life. (Backup batteries in interconnected smoke alarms powered by household current should be

replaced annually.)

Replace alarms every 10 years because their sensors become less effective with age. Information: 703-385-7830.

Stay in the Know with the City Mobile App

Take the City of Fairfax with you wherever you go, courtesy of the City of Fairfax free mobile app, for use on iOS and Android platforms.

Contact the Mayor and City Council, locate parking in Old Town Fairfax, find a city park, catch up on city news, and more. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov/mobileapp.



Sesquicentennial Committee Receives Leadership Award

The City of Fairfax Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Committee has been honored with the Sesquicentennial Leadership Award from Virginia's Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission for sustained excellence and exemplary efforts.

Apply Now for the Citizen's Fire Academy

Learn more about the operation and organization of the City of Fairfax Fire Department at the Citizen's Fire Academy, which begins September 10.

The 12-week program will be held at the city's Public Safety Training Center, 9650 Colonial Avenue. Class size is limited to 16 students, so register early *on the city website*.

Information: 703-385-7940.

Farmers Markets Continue

Farmers markets are held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays through October at the corner of West and Main streets. Markets are sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. Information: 703-642-0128, www.fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com.



New Red Light Camera Installed on Fairfax Boulevard

The City of Fairfax has installed a photo red light enforcement camera monitoring eastbound Fairfax Boulevard (Route 29/50) at Plantation Parkway, with expected completion by July 1. Drivers will see a sign near the intersection announcing the camera's presence.

Warnings will be sent for 30 days after installation — please see the city website for exact dates — and enforcement of red light violations will begin after the grace period.

This is the city's fourth intersection to receive photo red light cameras since 2011. Other city intersections include:

- Route 236/Main Street at Pickett Road
- Fairfax Boulevard at Fairfax Circle;

- North Street at University Drive.

Multiple cameras monitor traffic at these intersections. Numerous people, including city police officers, review evidence before citations are issued.

When a citation is issued, the vehicle's registered owner is mailed a notice of violation and a secure PIN number to access the citation online. The fine associated with the citation may be pre-paid on the website — or the citation may be challenged in city traffic court. Registered owners who were not driving the vehicle when the citation is recorded and cited may sign a sworn affidavit to nullify the citation. Please drive carefully!

Information: 703-293-7102.

City Highways on the Map for Construction

The city continues to make progress with transportation projects on Fairfax Boulevard at Jermantown Road, Kamp Washington and Northfax (Route 123). Information: 703-385-7810.

Fairfax Boulevard — Fairfax Boulevard improvements between Bevan Drive and Jermantown Road include widening westbound Fairfax Boulevard from Bevan Drive to Jermantown Road, and widening and providing additional turn lanes on Jermantown Road.

Kamp Washington — The city plans to begin construction at this intersection within the next few months. The project will add a lane on westbound Route 29/ Lee Highway for about a quarter mile from the Kamp Washington intersection; extend

westbound lanes on Route 236/Main Street from Chestnut Street to Hallman Street; and install mast-arm signals in place of wire-span signals. The city also will improve pedestrian mobility with new crosswalks, curb ramps, sidewalks, and pedestrian signalization.

Northfax — Utility relocation work has begun on the Northfax project. This involves installing new utility poles along southbound Route 123 near Fairfax Boulevard and crossing Fairfax Boulevard, followed by transferring utility lines to the new poles. The construction phase will begin next spring. This project will make improvements to the Route 123/Fairfax Boulevard intersection, improve pedestrian accommodations, improve drainage and eliminate flooding and improve road lane alignments.

General Registrar Title to Include Director of Elections

Several changes to Virginia's election law take place July 1, formalizing the long standing arrangement whereby the general registrar is responsible for administering elections in the City of Fairfax.

The Constitution of Virginia (1971) created electoral boards to conduct elections and the general registrar position to conduct and maintain voter registration. Since then, the use of electronic technology, advent of the internet, creation of campaign finance laws, and the incredible growth of election laws have caused election administration to be a full-time job. Throughout most of the

commonwealth, the electoral board members are volunteers, appointed to represent the two major political parties, that dedicate several hours providing election administration oversight to the General Registrar.

Because of the increased complexity of election administration, electoral boards have delegated the duties of election administration to the general registrar. There will be no change in the way elections are conducted. Polling place will continue to be staffed and managed by volunteer officers of election under the guidance of the director of elections.



When It's Not a 'Miss'

Multiple crews and vehicles and various equipment run on routes to collect materials from the curb.

Workers rarely miss materials properly placed at the curb or in properly marked containers. Trucks depart a route for a number of reasons, but return to finish the job. However, if materials remain at the curb after 1:30 p.m. on collection day, call 703-385-7837 (and leave a message if needed).

Share the Road With Refuse/Recycling Crews

City crews work as quickly and efficiently as possible to collect refuse and recycling from residential areas.

From time to time, that may entail drivers or pedestrians stopping for city workers or their equipment in the road or on walkways. Please be patient and wait until it's safe to continue driving or walking.

A Word on Holiday Schedules

When the city implements a holiday schedule for refuse, recycling and yard debris collection, the city typically collects multiple days' worth of items on a single day — and yard waste collection often is delayed. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected, which may be a few days after the holiday schedule for other curbside collection items.

Recycling, Disposal Flyers Available on Website, Upon Request

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City,*
 - *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever.*
- Information: 703-293-7141.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Fire Chief Rohr Retires

After a 36-year career in fire services, including five years as fire chief of the City of Fairfax Fire Department, David Rohr has announced his retirement effective August 1.

During his tenure with the city, Rohr fostered improved and productive relationships with the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, city departments, and regional public safety partners. He increased awareness of the importance of emergency management and preparedness through the development of a self-sustained Emergency Operations Center and dedicated incident command training across all departments.

Under Rohr's leadership, the department enhanced the use of technology in daily operations, in particular through the use of tablet technology. Rohr also supported and developed programs focused on technical and professional development.

During this time, the department completed the Fire Department Strategic Work Plan and implemented effective health, wellness, and safety programs.

Stay Informed via Fairfax City Alert

Find out first! Find out fast! Find out about city government activities, services, special events and emergencies with Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message alert system. Enroll online at www.fairfaxva.gov/FairfaxCityAlert.

Fairfax City Alert provides multiple options for receiving messages — text, e-mail and telephone — and a mobile app offers additional features.

Subscribers may select from dozens of categories offered by the city, covering city services and emergencies. Current subscribers are encouraged to review and update their category selections, as categories change and are added.

Personal subscriber information is secure and will not be shared. Information: CityAlert@fairfaxva.gov.



Independence Day Activities Map: July 4, 2015



Traffic Detoured July 4 for Celebrations

Detours will be in effect July 4 for Independence Day activities. Information: 703-385-7975.

- **Parade:** Route 236/Main Street will be detoured to North Street from 7:30 a.m. until after the parade concludes (around noon). During that time, affected portions of University Drive, George Mason Boulevard and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road will be rerouted and parking will be restricted on those roads.

- **Muster:** University Drive will close from Sager Avenue to Armstrong Street from about noon to 5 p.m. for the World Police and Fire Games Firefighter Muster at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.
- **Evening Show:** No through-traffic will be permitted from about 9:15 p.m. to about 11 p.m. on Old Lee Highway. *Please note: If the fireworks are postponed to July 5, the Old Lee Highway detours will be in effect at that time.*

Independence Day Activities

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Parade shuttle bus service runs 8:30-10:30 a.m. and after the parade ends until 1:30 p.m. from George Mason University, Woodson High School and Fairfax United Methodist Church.

Evening show shuttle bus service runs 6-9 p.m. from Woodson High School and return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks. Please note: FHS parking is limited and shuttle service is recommended.

Handicapped parking is available at City Hall and Old Town Hall for the

parade. **Handicapped parking for the evening show** is available at FHS. Information: 703-385-7858.

The **rain date for fireworks only** is July 5. In this case, shuttle buses would run from 7-9 p.m. from Woodson High School for fireworks only and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks. Old Lee Highway road closures also will be in effect from about 9:15-11 p.m. after the fireworks.

Sponsors include 97.1 WASH-FM and Fair City Mall.

Information: 703-385-7858, www.fairfaxva.gov/july4.

CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

Independence Day Parade

Monday, July 4, 10 am, LIVE



replays:

Daily, 2 pm, beginning July 4

Additionally at 10 am and 7 pm on days when no replays of meetings are scheduled

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

Independence Day Evening Show

Monday, July 4, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Daily, 5 pm, beginning July 7

Additionally at noon on days when no replays of meetings are scheduled

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

The Fairfax Scene

Explore Old Town Square with highlights of the ribbon-cutting ceremony and Derby-Q

replays:

Daily, 2 pm through July 3

Daily, 6 pm through July 6

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

School Board

The July 13 meeting will be available in the video archive on July 15 (wideshot only).

City Council

Work session: Tuesday, July 7, 7 pm, LIVE



replays:

Wednesday, July 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, July 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, July 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, July 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online July 8

Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 7 pm, LIVE



replays:

Wednesday, July 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, July 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, July 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, July 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online July 15

Planning Commission

Monday, July 13, 7 pm, LIVE



replays:

Tuesday, July 14, 10 am

Thursday, July 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online July 14

Monday, July 27, 7 pm, LIVE



replays:

Tuesday, July 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, July 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online July 27

Meetings, Programs Available for Loan and Purchase

Cityscreen-12 programs, including televised city meetings, are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD from the City Manager's Office (703-385-7855; WeCare@fairfaxva.gov).

Copies of some programs are available for purchase on DVD for \$15 and on Blu-ray for \$20. Programs may be recorded for private viewing.

Information: Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7803.

Proposed Agendas: City Council, Planning Commission, School Board

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

July 7 work session

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding recommendation on the Fairfax Boulevard Master Plan.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the HB2 legislation and possible Comprehensive Plan amendments.
- Discussion of financial arrangements with Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.
- Discussion of monopole at locations within the city.
- Discussion and update to Old Lee Highway "Great Street" program.

July 14 regular meeting

- Public hearing on blighted property at 4261 Bertritt Street.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

July 13 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the rezoning for Cobb's Grove residential development, 3500 Chain Bridge Road.

July 27 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

July 13 regular meeting

- Annual School Board organization.
- Introduction and report of Student Representative.
- Update of capital and administrative accounts.

Please note: proposed agendas and other meeting information are subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting: information will be available on the city website or by phone at the numbers listed above.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards



- Board of Architectural Review (two vacancies)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Economic Development Authority (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies)
- Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission.

Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder.

Vacancies are subject to change.

Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



City Council Reporter

May 12, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of the Public Art Policy Guidelines; Consideration of a resolution requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) make an adjustment to the lane miles in the city that are eligible for maintenance reimbursement; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the Standard Project Agreements with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) for four projects approved in the NVTa's Two-Year FY 15/16 Program; Consideration of a task order in the amount of \$62,010 to Bowman Consulting for final plan development and construction administration for the Burke Station Road Project; Consideration of a task order in the amount of \$61,387 to Bowman Consulting for easement acquisition services for the Burke Station Road Project; Consideration of a task order in the amount of \$158,633 to Bowman Consulting for final plan development, right-of-way acquisition services and construction administration for the Roberts Road pedestrian improvements project; Consideration of an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract to Ardent Company, LLC for on-call wireless vehicle detection systems and installation services; and Consideration of a notice to proceed in the amount of \$96,500 to Ardent Company, LLC for installation of wireless vehicle detection systems at two intersections under contract #15018.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code to expand a permit parking district along Forest Avenue to include 12 additional houses (10302-10313).
- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit to allow a telecommunications facility that exceeds 65 feet in height when mounted on top of a commercial building (Fairfax Building) in C-2 Retail Commercial District and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District, at 10555 Main Street, subject to conditions.
- Approved, 4-1, the request, with conditions, for variances from the City of Fairfax Subdivision Ordinance for the Sherwood consolidation and re-subdivision of parcels, with conditions. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Loftus, Miller, and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.)*

(Councilmember Greenfield was absent from the vote.)

- Approved, unanimously, the special use permit to allow a child care center for the former Green Acres School facility located in the R-3 Residential District at 4401 Sideburn Road, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, the special exception request to allow a reduction in required parking for the former Green Acres School facility located in the R-3 Residential District at 4401 Sideburn Road, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a deed of lease by and between the City of Fairfax, Virginia and Main Street Child Development Center, Inc. for premises located at 4401 Sideburn Road (a portion of the former Green Acres Elementary School).
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code pertaining to interest charged on delinquent real estate taxes and personal property taxes.

May 26, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a memorandum of understanding allowing city police dispatch to use Fairfax County's dispatch center as an emergency backup location; Introduction of appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town, and Transportation Tax Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

Public hearings

- Approved, 5-1, that the City Council approve the proposed text amendments to City Code Chapter 110, Article X, Section 110-671, Section 110-672, Section 110-673, Section 110-674, and deletion of City Code Chapter 110, Article X, Section 110-680 as provided in the ordinance dated April 8, 2015. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Greenfield, Loftus, Miller, and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmember Meyer.)*
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance to approve the application to rezone the subject property RM-Residential

Multifamily to RPD-Residential Planned Development with proffers; subject to the general development plan dated March 27, 2014 and last revised on May 11, 2015 and proffers dated May 26, 2015, and further revised at 9:55 p.m. on May 26, 2015, at 10742-10764 Main Street.

- Approved, unanimously, the request for variances to the subdivision ordinance to allow private accessways to be less than 30 feet in width, and to allow private accessways without sidewalks on both sides, at 10742-10764 Main Street, subject to condition.
- Approved, unanimously, to adopt a resolution to approve with conditions the special exception requests for redevelopment of the property being rezoned to RPD-Residential Planned Development with proffers, to: reduce the required perimeter open space width and minimum front and rear yard setbacks for individual residential units; increase the maximum building height to more than three stories or 35 feet; allow impervious area to exceed 50 percent of gross tract area; modify access requirements for individual parking spaces; and allow utilities to be relocated in an adjacent right-of-way without being undergrounded — at 10742-10764 Main Street, with a condition.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Review of the draft City of Fairfax Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances by Duncan Associates was cancelled due to the late hour.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to boards and commissions

- Reappointed: Kerry Vornadore to the Board of Building Code Appeals; Michael Cameron to the Community Appearance Committee; and Lauri Isbrandtsen to the Personnel Advisory Board.
- Confirmed the election of the General Employee and Public Safety Employee positions as elected by the city staff for three-year terms for the Retirement Plan Administrative Committee: Jennie Tripoli, General Employee primary representative; Kerry Kidd, General Employee alternate representative; Craig Evans, Public Safety primary employee; Martin Nachtman, Public Safety alternate employee.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-585-7855
 City News and Events 703-273-1776
 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
 George Mason University 703-993-1000

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

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Applications due for reduced personal property tax rate for eligible disabled veterans



Battle of the Badges blood drive continues through July 4

Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Thursday and Friday refuse and recycling routes collected

City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Refuse and recyclables not collected

Independence Day (observed): City government offices closed, General District Court closed, CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule
 Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm

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Independence Day: No regular CUE Bus service, Blenheim closed, Museum open from 9 am to 4 pm



Independence Day activities — see page 1



Firefighter Muster, 12:30 pm, Fire Station 3

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue

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City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center
 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim
 Spotlight on the Arts Steering Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center
 Alte Kameraden, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater

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City Council retreat, 4-8 pm, Historic Blenheim
 Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Village
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm
 City Council retreat, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Historic Blenheim
 Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am
 Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
 Second Sunday Series: Fortune's Fool — Book Talk, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 City of Fairfax Band Children's Concert, 7:30 pm, Veterans Amphitheater

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Sherwood Cinema Series: The Book of Life, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (donations accepted by Our Daily Bread)
 Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Village
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue
 Document shredding event, 8 am to noon, Oakton High School
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue

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Cops and Kids Day, 8 am to noon, Sherwood Community Center

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Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 Commission for Women, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Community Appearance Committee Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
 Main Street Community Band, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater

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Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax: The Reflex, 6-9 pm, Old Town Square
 Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Village
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)

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Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm
 Ratcliffe-Allison House free guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm, 10386 Main Street
 "The Road to Ford's Theatre," 2 pm, Historic Blenheim
 Glen Miller Orchestra, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center

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Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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City of Fairfax Band Summer Concert, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater

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Summer Nights in the City concert, 7 pm, Old Town Village
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)



Events on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, including at the EagleBank Arena (new name effective July 1), may affect traffic in and around campus. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-8846.



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City Happenings

Summer Concerts in Fairfax

Enjoy music in Fairfax this summer. Concert-goers should bring their own seating. Concerts are cancelled in case of inclement weather. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

Summer Nights in the City: Old Town Plaza Series offers concerts at 7 p.m. on Fridays through September in Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road.

Summer Under the Stars takes place at the Veterans Amphitheater, adjacent to City Hall. Schedule is *Alte Kameraden* at 8 p.m. July 9, *City of Fairfax Band Children's Concert* at 7:30 p.m. July 16, *Main Street Community Band* at 8 p.m. July 23, and *City of Fairfax Band* at 8 p.m. July 30.

Rock the Block with *The Reflex*, '80s Tribute Band, from 6-9 p.m. July 24 in Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive. Concerts continue on fourth Fridays through September.

Take a Guided Walking Tour of Old Town Fairfax

Discover Fairfax history on foot with a guided tour of Old Town Fairfax.

Tours step off at 11 a.m. from Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, on July 11, August 8 and September 12. Cost is \$10 per person age 12 and older, \$5 for youth age 6-12 or \$25 per family. Reservations are recommended; call 703-385-8414.

History Lectures July 12, 25

Find out about *Fortune's Fool*, a new book about John Wilkes Booth, at 2 p.m. July 12 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-385-8414.

Learn about "The Road to Ford's Theatre: Abraham Lincoln's Murder, and the Rage for Vengeance" at 2 p.m. July 25 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. Information: 703-591-0560.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues July 17; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *The Book of Life* for free July 17 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m., and participants may bring

their own snacks. Our Daily Bread is accepting non-perishable food donations from 7-9 p.m. (call 703-385-7858 for guidelines).

Mark your calendar: the series will feature *Annie* August 21.

Temporary Exhibition 'To Be Sold' Opens July 28

Explore the slave trade in Virginia through a traveling exhibition from the Library of Virginia. "To Be Sold" opens July 28 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim.

The free exhibit will be at Historic Blenheim through September 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Information: 703-591-0560.

Ratcliffe-Allison House Tours Offered on Saturdays

Take a free tour of one of the city's oldest residences: the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street.

Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. Tours also may be scheduled in advance on other days.

Information: 703-385-8414.